

Minutes of the Berwick Bridge Club Committee meeting held at 5pm Monday, 26 September 2022 online on Zoom

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| Present: | Peter Calder (PC) | President |
| | Paul Gipson (PG) | Honorary Secretary |
| | Louis Moore (LM) | Honorary Competitions Secretary |
| | Penny Davidson (PD) | Committee member |
| | Kitty Home Robertson (KHR) | Committee member |
| | Jean Mole (JM) | Committee member |
| | Chris Orchard (CO) | Committee member |
| | Linda Warcup (LW) | Committee member |

Apologies: Tony Reed-Jones, Canon Christopher Smith, Angela Hutchinson

President's welcome

PC welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the last meeting were approved unanimously.

PC noted that the anniversary was well attended and a great success.

PCC update

PC has arranged a meeting with the electrician for next Monday and other committee members will also attend. The aim of the meeting is to understand the Positive Input Ventilation (PIV) system and the likely benefits of this system.

Risk assessment

The current risk assessment has been placed on the website. PG will draw attention to this when he updates the membership, in particular that members should not come to the club if they are ill.

Membership renewal update

TRJ reported that 81 members have renewed and we've given nine members a deadline of 30 September to pay. We have three new members playing at the club, Terry, Rachel and Inger, plus some new online members.

Forty-eight members have paid £20 towards their table money with their subscription.

It is expected that the club will have 89 members on 1 October.

Christmas Party

It was decided to investigate the costs of external catering based on 30 attendees. PC, PG and CO will ask potential suppliers.

Berwick Congress

It was decided to investigate the costs of running the congress at the Berwick Rugby Club. CO, a club member, will talk to the club manager about this.

PG stressed the work needed to run the Congress. The committee generally felt that we should try to run the event at the club if possible, otherwise it will probably cease to be a face-to-face event.

Lessons for beginners

PC would like the club to consider running bridge lessons again to help with our numbers in the future. JM said that she has seen some demand.

LW agreed to examine the SBU course and provide some feedback on what is needed from the club to run the course. Committee members were very willing to assist.

Club regulation - correction period

In 2017, with the introduction of the new Laws of Bridge, the Committee formalised a number of ad hoc club regulations. One of these was to keep the correction period of seven days for results to be challenged, a throwback to the days where you only saw the results at the next session of the club.

As everyone is emailed the results immediately after each session, it is no longer necessary to deviate from the SBU standard of two days. PG and LM proposed to revert to the SBU standard.

The Committee approved this change.

Children in Need Pairs - face-to-face or hybrid?

We are running a heat of the Children in Need Pairs on Thursday, 10 November.

The committee was in favour of running this at the Parish Centre and online concurrently as this will benefit the charity.

AOCB

The East District plans to complete the 2019-20 season by November by playing matches affecting promotion and relegation. It is not yet known if either Berwick team will have to play. ED also plans to restart some form of league event in February: we await further details.

Catherine McConnachie has resigned from the club but wished to convey her deep appreciation of the many happy years she enjoyed as a member of the Club and of the enduring friendships formed over that time.

The meeting closed at 6pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 5 December at 5pm on Zoom.